

2023 Young Author Checklist for Students

All submissions **DUE BEFORE Monday, March 20th at 8:00am**

Turn in to Mrs. Hinton in the Library or Office

Student Name: _____ Grade: T/K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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(1 or 2 students per book).

Book Title: _____

You must turn in *THIS* form with your Young Author book. Please fill out the form completely.

Type of Book (check only one):

- ☐ **(Auto)Biography** – Life story about self, family member or friend
- ☐ **Children’s Picture Book** -- Large layout with illustrations taking up the entire page and text layered on top of the illustrations. Example, “Good Night Moon”
- ☐ **Graphic Novel** – Written and illustrated in the style of a comic book; panels and speech bubbles tell the story.
- ☐ **How-to factual book** – Illustrated instructions how-to do something such as care for a pet, tie shoes, cook, or make a craft.
- ☐ **Poetry** – Collection of poems
- ☐ **Religious Theme** – Any book with a religious theme such as prayers or a bible story
- ☐ **Short Story** – fiction, made up story

My Book includes all the features below (check all):

- ☐ **Cover** – Front and back cover. Includes title and author name(s).
- ☐ **Title Page** – First page inside of the book that lists title, author name(s), copyright date, and ALL contributors such as Typing by Mom, Editing by Teacher, Illustrations by ...
- ☐ **Copyright date** – “March 2023” should be on the Title Page.
- ☐ **Page Numbers** – On each page / can be handwritten
- ☐ **Binding** -- Book can be stapled, this year. No special requirements.

Strongly Recommended Additional Features:

- ☐ **Hand-Designed Cover** – Get creative on the front & back covers. No online images.
- ☐ **Endpapers** – Design the “inside” of the front and back cover.
- ☐ **Dedication Page** – “This book is dedicated to ...”
- ☐ **About the Author** – Brief blurb about the author written on the last page.
- ☐ **Type the Text** – Make sure the judges can read it.

Contact Mrs. Hinton at shinton@csdo.org with any questions or clarifications.